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SAN FRANCISCO DEVASTATED BY EARTHQUAKE AND FIRE

Late Reports Indicate Conditions in San Francisco and Surrounding Country are Much Worse Than at First Reported.

FLAMES ARE UNCHECKED

Thousands of Lives Lost and
Hundreds of Millions Worth
of Property Destroyed.

CLIFF HOUSE GONE

Noted Stone Hostelry Swept Into
the Sea.

SHOCK SEVERE OVER TERRITORY
SEVERAL HUNDRED MILES IN
EXTENT—SANTA CRUZ, SAN
JOSE, MONTEREY AND GILROY
SUFFER SEVERELY—SANTA
ROSA DESTROYED—SAN FRAN-
CISCO IN DANGER OF UTTER
DESTRUCTION.

Oakland, April 18.—Earthquake
and fire today caused the greatest
calamity California has ever known.
In San Francisco alone the estimates
of loss of life vary from 200 to 2,500.
The entire business portion of the
city is in ruins and flames which,
checked, except by blowing up with
dynamite buildings in their path, are
still sweeping through the city.

It is utterly impossible to estimate
the property loss accurately, though
conservative estimates place the loss
at over one hundred million dollars.
Thousands of people are homeless
and many are huddled in the parks
and public squares, beside the house-
hold goods they were able to save.
The city is under martial law and
all downtown streets are patrolled
by cavalry and infantry. General
Frederick Funston is in command. De-
tails of troops are guarding the
banks.

Most of the principal buildings are
already destroyed and over all the
scene of desolation hangs a dense
pall of smoke.
The fire burnt over an area of
eight square miles, equal to one
hundred city blocks.

The first shock put the entire
water works system practically out
of commission. This added to the
horror of the situation.

The dreadful earthquake shock
came at precisely 5:13 o'clock this
morning, the motion apparently
being from east to west. The
first upheaval of the earth was
gradual, but in a few seconds it in-
creased in intensity. Chimneys be-
gan to fall and buildings to crack,
tossing on their foundations. The
people became panic stricken and
rushed into the streets most of them
in their night attire. They were
met by showers of falling buildings,
bricks, cornices and walls.

Many were instantly crushed to
death, while others were horribly
mangled. Those who remained in-
doors generally escaped with their
lives.

It is believed that more or less
every family in the city sustained
some loss.
The tall steel frame structures
stood the strain better than brick
buildings. Some of the docks and
freight sheds along the water front
slid into deep fissures opened in
filled-in ground near the shore, and
the Union ferry depot is irreparably
injured.

A portion of the new City Hall,
which cost more than seven million
dollars, has collapsed.

Scarcely had the earthquake
ceased to shake when fierce fires
broke out simultaneously in many
places. The fire department re-
sponded promptly, but found itself
helpless as the water mains were
rendered useless by the underground
movement. The firemen then resort-
ed to dynamite.

Nearly every famous landmark that

SOME OF WORLD'S GREATEST EARTHQUAKES.		
	Year	Killed
Lisbon.....	1775	60,000
Calabria.....	1783	32,000
Mouth River Indus.....	1819	
Northwestern Greece.....	1870	
Agram, Hungary.....	1880	
North Pacific ocean, coast of Japan, drowned by tidal wave following.....	1896	27,000
IN THE UNITED STATES.		
Oven's Valley, California.....	1772	
Massachusetts.....	1755	
New Madrid, Mo.....	1811	
Inyo Valley, California.....	1868	
Charleston, S. C.....	1886	

made San Francisco famous over the
world has been laid in ruins or bur-
ied to the ground in the dire catas-
trophe.

Never has the fate of a city been
more disastrous. For three miles
along the water front the buildings
have been swept clean and tonight
the blackened beams and skeletons of
factories and offices stand silhouetted
against a back ground of flames that
is slowly spreading over the city.

Flames devastated Montgomery
street, on which were some of the
richest banks and commercial houses.
Block after block of banking houses
are now a mass of red-hot ruins and
it will be months before the money
that was housed in valuable vaults
can be reached. The suffering and
hardship of the poor beggars descrip-
tion and unless supplies reach the city
within twenty four hours starvation
will add to the awful calamity.

NOTED CLIFF HOUSE SWEEPED INTO THE SEA

San Francisco, April 18.—The Cliff
House, the great pleasure resort and
show place of the city, which stood
upon a foundation of solid rock has
been swept into the sea. Nothing
stands to tell where the monster stone
building once stood.

THOUSANDS RUSHING TO HILLS FOR SAFETY

San Francisco, April 18.—At ten
o'clock tonight the fire in unburned
and thousands are steering to the
hills and clamoring for places on ferry
boats to cross the bay. It is believed
the damage has reached two hun-
dred million dollars, and fifty thou-
sand people are homeless.

NIGHT ADDS TO THE HORRORS OF SITUATION

San Francisco, April 18.—Night ad-
ded to the horrors as darkness fell.
The sky is illuminated in all direc-
tions. The flames have spread into
the residence districts and the people
have left their homes and fled to the
parks and squares.

A series of rather severe shocks at
7 o'clock tonight increased the terror
and many left homes that were not in
danger.

MANY CITIES HAVE SUFFERED GREATLY

Oakland, April 18.—At San Jose the
Yosemite Hotel annex was badly
wrecked and ten or fifteen persons
killed. The Doherty block is com-
pletely burned and two were killed
there. Every business building in the
city is demolished and the city is
under martial law. It is estimated
that fifty have been killed.

Passengers arriving from other
cities in California bring tales of
death and disaster. Santa Cruz, Mon-
terey, Gilroy and Hollister suffered
severely. The death list at Santa
Cruz is reported large.

GREAT DEVASTATION IN SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco, April 18.—This city
was practically wrecked by an earth-
quake at five ten this morning. The
shock lasted three minutes, thou-
sands of buildings were damaged
and destroyed and hundreds, if not
thousands of people were killed and
injured. The terror and excitement
are indescribable.

Most of the people were sleeping
at the time, and rushed into the
streets undressed. Buildings sway-
ed and crashed, burying their occu-
pants and added to the horrors of
falling buildings fire broke out and
in an amazing short time, swept a

territory two miles square, consum-
ing blocks of business houses, news-
paper offices, churches and hotels.

By the latest information the
building of the California Examiner
and Chronicle, the Merchants Ex-
change, the Palace and Valencia
hotels and other large buildings
have been destroyed by fire.

Everything south of Market street,
from Eighth street to the water
front and North of Market street
from Sansome to Broadway are com-
pletely wrecked. To check the spread
of flames a number of the buildings are
being destroyed by dynamite.

Practically all of the wholesale
district is burned and the flames are
spreading to the Hayes Valley dis-
trict, the residence portion of San
Francisco.

The City Hall, a seven million dol-
lar structure, collapsed soon after
the shock.

Fire Chief Sullivan is reported in
a serious condition. Both legs are
broken and he is not expected to
live.

Reports from cities near San Fran-
cisco show the destruction to be gen-
eral. Santa Rosa, sixty miles north
is in flames and the estimated dam-
age is over one million dollars. The
loss of life is not known.

At Napa many buildings are scat-
tered and the loss is over three hun-
dred thousand dollars.

INSANE ASYLUM AT AGNEWS DEMOLISHED

Los Angeles, April 18.—News from
Niles confirms the report that the in-
sane asylum at Agnews has been de-
molished.

It is reported that every stone
building at San Jose was either
wrecked or badly damaged. It is
not known if there was great loss of
life at San Jose, but there was evi-
dently some.

LOSS TO 4 P. M. ESTIMATED AT ONE HUNDRED MILLION

San Francisco, April 18.—The lat-
est reports at police headquarters
show the entire district surrounded
by Vallejo, East and Sansome
streets, embracing practically the en-
tire wholesale district has been
swept by fire. The district bounded
by Market, Eighth and Folsom
streets has been devastated. In the
latter district was included most of
the city's finest and most substantial
buildings.

The area covered by flames to the
present time is about eight square
miles. Very little water is available
and blowing up buildings by dynam-
ite is the only way of checking the
flames. Most of the buildings un-
touched by flames have been greatly
damaged by the earthquake shocks.
The pecuniary loss at this hour, 4 p.
m., was conservatively estimated at
one hundred million dollars.

SEISMIC DISTURBANCE FELT IN WASHINGTON

Washington, April 18.—The weath-
er bureau this afternoon issued the
following special report regarding
the San Francisco earthquake:

"The great San Francisco earth-
quake was registered upon the Bosch
Omori Seismograph, at the weather
bureau office at Washington to-day,
beginning at eight hours, nineteen
minutes, twenty seconds, seventy-
fifth meridian time.

"The record shows a disturbance
of considerable magnitude at Wash-
ington, although not severe enough
to be felt by individuals. The re-
cording pen was carried entirely off
the record sheet by the violence of

THE QUEEN CITY OF THE GOLDEN GATE

The city of San Francisco is the
commercial metropolis of California
and is situated on the west shore of San Fran-
cisco bay six miles from the
ocean. The population according
to the last census was
342,782. Lines of ocean steam-
ers connect with many points
in the orient, South America
and Mexico, giving it a very
large foreign and domestic com-
merce. It also has important
whaling and fishery interests.

The manufactures of the city
of San Francisco are numerous
and important, the largest be-
ing sugar, cigars, boots and
shoes, breweries, clothing, flour-
ing mills, fruit canneries, wire
cable works, foundry and ma-
chine shops, sash, door and
blind factories, woolen mills,
etc., and an extensive ship
building works.

The city is the seat of a
branch of the United States
mint and has many attractive
buildings and institutions.
Numerous other cities are
situated in close proximity to
San Francisco whose popula-
tion added to that of the city,
would bring the number of peo-
ple in the zone affected by the
earthquake to nearly if not
over a million.

VICINITY OF MINT AND POST-OFFICE DESTROYED

New York, April 18.—The Western
Union operator in San Francisco
states the whole district in the vi-
cinity of the post office and mint
has been destroyed.

SECOND EARTHQUAKE CAUSES GREAT DAMAGE

Los Angeles, April 18.—Official in-
formation from the office of the Su-
perintendent of the Southern Pacific
Railway this afternoon says a dis-
patch was received there dated San
Francisco at 2:45 p. m., transmitted
over crossed wires, to the effect
that additional earthquakes were ex-
perienced there this afternoon and
that terrible damage has been done.

Buildings are reported in all parts
of the city and the prospects at that
hour were that the city would be al-
most destroyed.

Federal troops at the ferry pre-
vented everyone from leaving the
city.

A dispatch was received from E. H.
Harriman, president of the Southern
Pacific this afternoon ordering the
officials to get a direct wire to San
Francisco at all hazards and get re-
liable information at any cost. A re-
ply was sent him that the situation
was worse this afternoon than this
morning and that the prospects of
getting wire communication was
practically out of the question.

They informed Mr. Harriman that
an engine carrying reports from San
Francisco had been dispatched for
the south and given the right of way
over all other trains. It is expected
to reach Los Angeles some time to-
night.

ANOTHER SHOCK FELT IN CITY OF OAKLAND

Oakland, April 18.—(3:45 p. m.)—
Another sharp earthquake shock has
just been felt on this side of the
bay. It lasted about five seconds.

LUNATICS ROAMING ABOUT IN A STATE OF PANIC

San Francisco, April 18.—A San
Jose railroad man reports that the
insane asylum at Agnews is a total
wreck, many inmates being killed.
Seven hundred persons were in the
building. This report has been offi-
cially confirmed and it is added that
scores of the inmates who escaped
are roaming the country in a state
of panic.

SAN FRANCISCO CUT OFF FROM THE WORLD

Washington, April 18.—Secretary
of War Taft was advised by the
Western Union to-night that there
was no communication with San
Francisco by any route. The West-
ern Union has its chief office in Oak-
land.

SAN FRANCISCO IS PRACTICALLY DEMOLISHED

New York, April 18.—According to
dispatches received here by the West-
ern Union Telegraph Company, the

whole city of San Francisco is about
gone, especially that portion south of
Market street.

EARTHQUAKE WAS NOT FELT IN LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles, April 18.—From in-
quiries received in this city from
points in the east it appears that the
impression has gone out that the
earthquake which caused such devastation
in San Francisco this morning
also affected Los Angeles and other
California points.

This is an entirely erroneous im-
pression. There has been no earth-
quake in southern California and the
shocks that caused damage in San
Francisco were not felt south of
Santa Barbara. The Associated Press
is requested by the commercial in-
terests of this city to correct this impres-
sion.

GREAT LOSS OF LIFE REPORTED AT SAN JOSE

Oakland, April 18.—Reports from
San Jose indicate that the shock was
severe there. Many buildings were
demolished and much loss of life is
reported.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY PRACTICALLY DEMOLISHED

Oakland, April 18.—Reports received
at 2:15 p. m. from Palo Alto say
the Stanford University is practically
demolished. One student is reported
killed.

Palo Alto is 33 miles south of San
Francisco on the Southern Pacific
railroad. Here is located the Leland
Stanford University, founded by the
late Senator Stanford, and endowed by
him with thirty million dollars.

The telegraph companies have been
forced to leave San Francisco and
have established offices here. The As-
sociated Press has arranged messen-
ger service across the bay.

SITUATION RAPIDLY BECOMING DESPERATE

Oakland, April 18, 2:35 p. m.—Lat-
est reports from San Francisco indi-
cate that the situation is becoming
desperate. Fire is still raging fur-
iously in all parts of the city. It is
impossible to estimate the number of
deaths but they are believed to ex-
ceed three hundred.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT OFFERS FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

Washington, April 18.—President
Roosevelt today manifested profound
interest in news from San Fran-
cisco. Early in the day he sent a tele-
gram to Mayor Schmitz expressing
sympathy and offering any assistance
in his power. He later wired Gov-
nor Pardee asking if there was any-
thing the federal government could do
to aid.

SALINAS SUFFERS LOSS OF ONE MILLION DOLLARS

Salinas, Cal., April 18.—A terrible
earthquake occurred here this morn-
ing and another again this afternoon.
The loss is one million dollars. It is
impossible to reach San Francisco by
wire of telephone.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS REACHED TO NEVADA

Washington, April 18.—A Western
Union despatch received late this af-
ternoon says as far as Hazen, Neva-
daho, says earthquake shocks are
reported as far east as Hazen, Neva-
da. The Southern Pacific brought
into San Francisco a ton of dynamite
for use, if necessary, to prevent the
spread of the flames.

The company dismantled two build-
ings, hoping to check the approach
of the flames toward the general offices.
No one is allowed to enter the city
and boats and trains are crowded
with refugees escaping.

NO ESTIMATE OF THE DEAD CAN BE MADE

New York, April 18.—The Western
Union has a dispatch from San Fran-
cisco stating that though no accurate
estimate of the dead can be made,
bulletins place the number at five hun-
dred.

The fire is burning and not yet un-
der control, although water is now
available for fire purposes.

IMMENSE BUILDINGS WRECKED WITH DYNAMITE

Oakland, April 18.—The Palace Hotel
has been destroyed and the Postal and
Western Union buildings and the mag-
nificent new Union Trust Company
building, eleven stories high have
been dynamited.

EARTHQUAKE CAUSES BREAK IN STOCK MARKET

New York, April 18.—There was a
sharp break in the stock market to-
day owing to the San Francisco earth-
quake. When the first news indicat-
ing the seriousness of the disaster was

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS ELECTED BY ODD FELLOWS

ROOSEVELT ON BEEF TRUST DECISION

*Declares Judge Humphrey's Find-
ing Was a Miscarriage
of Justice.*

ASKS CONGRESS TO PASS MEAS-
URE STATING REAL INTEREST
AND GIVING GOVERNMENT
SAME RIGHT OF APPEAL IN
CRIMINAL CASES THAT DE-
FENDANT ENJOYS.

By Associated Press.

Washington, April 18.—In a special
message delivered to congress to-
day President Roosevelt declares the
result of the recent trial of beef
packers at Chicago, a "miscarriage of
justice" and that the construction
placed by Judge Humphrey on the
will of congress is such as "to make
that will absolutely abortive."

The message, which was most
sensational in character, was based
largely on a letter to the president
from Attorney General Moody in
which the attorney general reviews
the proceedings of the case.

The president says that it is clear
that no criticism attaches to Com-
missioner Garfield as what he did
was in pursuance of the duty impos-
ed on him by congress. He refers
sharply, however, to the decision of
Judge Humphrey, saying that con-
gress could not have foreseen such a
decision and that he can hardly be-
lieve the ruling of Judge Humphrey
will be upheld by other judges.

He declares such an interpretation
of law "comes measurably near mak-
ing law a farce," and recommends
that congress pass an act stating its
real intent.

The president requested congress
to confer on the government, by
statute, the same right of appeal in
criminal cases which defendant now
enjoys where the merits of the case
have not been determined.

He closes the message by saying:
"I therefore recommend that con-
gress pass a declaratory act stating
its real intention."

received, selling became heavy and
prices broke violently. A feature of
the market was the decline in San
Francisco street railway shares,
which showed a net loss for the day
of sixteen and one-half points. The
stock went off at one time 29½, but
later recovered.

DEAD ESTIMATED AT TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED

Los Angeles, April 18.—A despatch
from Oakland says the fire is gaining
in San Francisco and the entire city
is in danger.

An extra issued here at 5:30 this
afternoon estimates the number of
deaths in San Francisco at twenty-
five hundred.

SANTA ROSA RUINED; THREE HUNDRED KILLED

Sacramento, April 18.—Dr. Stone,
superintendent of the Napa State Hos-
pital, telephones the governor's office
that an automobile has arrived there
with news that Santa Rosa is ruined
and between two and three hundred
persons have been killed.

ENTIRE CITY MAY BE DESTROYED BY FIRE

San Francisco, April 18, (10 p.m.)—
It looks now as if the entire city will
be burned. Associated Press men
are trying to get matter to Oakland
by boat, but it is very uncertain. The
government is furnishing tugs but
the confusion is so great they cannot
be relied upon.

IMPOSSIBLE TO SAVE UNITED STATES MINT

Oakland, April 18.—It is reported
that the mint in San Francisco is
ablaze and from outside indications
are it will be impossible to save it. Fire
surrounds it on every hand.

GENERAL FUNSTON SENDS CALL FOR ASSISTANCE

Washington, April 18.—The first
message received from General Fun-
ston arrived tonight. It was address-
ed to Secretary Taft says:

"We need thousands of tents and all
the rations that can be sent. The
business portion of the city is des-
troyed and about one hundred thou-
sand people are homeless. The fire
is still raging. The troops are all on

L. J. Lester of Tampa is Unani-
mously Elected Grand
Master.

OTHER ELECTIONS

St. Petersburg Selected as the
Next Meeting Place.

TELEGRAM OF CONDOLENCE IS
SENT STRICKEN ODD FELLOWS
IN CALIFORNIA—THE GRAND
LODGE SESSION WILL TERMIN-
ATE TO-DAY—RECEPTION AND
BALL A SOCIAL FEATURE.

The Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows
yesterday elected officers to serve
for the ensuing year, and selected St.
Petersburg as the next place of
meeting.

The entire morning session was
practically consumed in receiving re-
ports from the various committees,
after which the election of grand offi-
cers was the next matter in order.

The following were elected to serve
as grand officers for the ensuing
year:

L. J. Lester, Tampa, grand master.
J. W. White, Jacksonville, deputy
grand master.

A. M. Cushman, Gainesville, grand
secretary.

George L. Branning, West Palm
Beach, grand treasurer.

Thomas C. Watson, Pensacola, su-
preme representative.

J. W. Blanding, Center, secretary
national sanitation.

Grand Master Lester announced
the following appointments:

W. E. Bailey, Satsuma Heights,
grand conductor.

Chas. L. Fredrickson, Pensacola,
grand marshal.

George T. Self, DeLand, grand
chaplain.

E. Shugart, DeFuniak, grand guar-
dian.

W. J. H. Taylor, Key West, grand
herald.

Adjournment was taken at 1
o'clock until 3 o'clock.

St. Petersburg Selected.

The selection of the next meeting
place for the Grand Lodge was the
first matter taken up at the after-
noon session. Palatka, Ocala, and
St. Petersburg were placed in nomi-
nation and the last named was the
winner by a large majority on the
first ballot.

One of the pleasing incidents of
the session was the presentation to
Grand Master B. L. Baldwin of a
fifty-year jewel. The presentation
was made by Grand Master Binkley
in behalf of the order. Mr. Baldwin
has been a member of the Odd Fel-
lows for the past fifty-seven years.

On motion the installation of offi-
cers was made a special order for
this morning at 11 o'clock.

Congratulations Received.

During the afternoon session a
telegram from the Grand Lodge of
Maryland, expressing congratulations
and best wishes for a harmonious
and profitable session was received.

Sympathy for